

Dear Friends:

I'm looking forward to being a grandpa someday. I want to make sure Social Security is there for my grandkids, just like it will be for you and me.

In fact, people who are nearing Social Security now **have nothing to worry about**. Social Security is completely solvent until 2035. Even as members of the baby boom, my wife and I will receive the full benefits of Social Security as promised today.°



Congressman Gutknecht discusses Social Security with a constituent at a First District hospital.

Look for Gil's congressional booth at your local fair this summer and be sure to stop by to let him know what's on your mind!

I am committed to ensuring that seniors receive every penny in Social Security benefits that they have earned over a lifetime of hard work. Social Security is a solemn promise from the United States to her citizens.

While the future of Social Security is golden for people age 50 and over, I am concerned about how the program will provide for my children and their children.

Social Security

Protecting Social Security for future generations will take careful consideration.°We must provide the same hope and assurance to our future generations that we have for our previous generations.

You have my promise that I will continue to listen, study and carefully consider the challenge before us.

Social Security is about taking care of those in need, respecting our elders, and valuing the contributions they have made to our society. It is a bond of trust that must not be broken.



Prescription drug prices are out of control. Today, Americans are the world's largest consumers of prescription drugs and pay the world's highest prices.

Outrageously High Drug Prices

For a 30-day supply:

DRUG	U.S. PRICE	EURO. PRICE
Augmentin	\$55.50	\$8.75
Cipro	\$87.99	\$40.75
Claritin	\$89.00	\$18.75
Coumadin	\$64.88	\$15.80
Glucophage	\$124.65	\$22.00
Norvasc	\$67.00	\$33.00
Paxil	\$83.29	\$49.00
Pravachol	\$85.60	\$29.00
Premarin	\$55.42	\$8.95
Prempro	\$31.09	\$5.75
Prozac	\$91.08	\$18.50
Synthroid	\$33.93	\$8.50
Zestril	\$40.49	\$20.00
Zocor	\$123.43	\$28.00
Zolof	\$114.56	\$52.50

Source: Life Extension Network, 2002

In contrast, Europeans pay **30 to 200 percent less** for the same drugs, made in the same FDA-approved facilities.

Neither seniors making due on Social Security checks nor the government trying to add a drug coverage benefit to Medicare can afford to ignore this disparity from one side of the Atlantic to the other.

Congressman Gutknecht learns more about prescription drugs with a First District resident.


One solution is simple: We should allow law-abiding citizens to import legal, FDA-approved prescription drugs. When markets are opened, prices will drop dramatically.

The House already endorsed this idea last summer by passing my amendment to legalize importation for individuals, of FDA-approved drugs, made in FDA-approved facilities. Unfortunately, the Senate failed to pass the amendment.

Prescription Drugs

We can do better. I will again offer this language in the House this year. Americans deserve fair prices for prescription drugs.

Saving Social Security and reducing the cost of prescription drugs. Working on what's important to you.

Sincerely, 





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*Congressman Gutknecht
consistently receives
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organizations on behalf
of his legislative work.*



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